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A unified compact video camera and video cassette recording and/or reproducing apparatus (VCR) has a video camera unit and a VCR unit which includes a cassette holder arranged in a common hollow body at opposite sides of its median plane, and a grip strap extends along the body at the outside of the cassette holder so that the opposite side of the body is available for the positioning thereof of various control switches for operating the video camera and VCR units.

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